IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Curt Thies Art Unit: 1713

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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RESPONSE B

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the office action dated August 29, 2006, reconsideration of the requirement for restriction and rejection of claims is respectfully requested in accordance with the following pages.